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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAM COMMENT ON PARACEL DISPUTE

REF: STATE 19749

1. ACCORDING TO INDIAN WIRE SERVICE, NORTH VIETNAM CHARGE DO EVADED QUESTIONS ON THE PARACELS AT A JANUARY 30 PRESS CONFERENCE. DO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT "THE PROBLEMS OF THESE BOUNDARIES AND TO WHOM THESE ISLANDS BELONG NEEDS VERY CAREFUL RESEARCH." THERE WERE QUESTIONS

OF SOVERIEGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY FOR EVERY COUNTRY AND ISSUES OF BOUNDARIES LEFT BY HISTORY. HIS GOVERNMENT THOUGHT THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY.

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2. DELHI PAPERS, INCLUDING PRO-SOVIET PATRIOT, COMMENTED THAT THE

NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE HAD IMPLIED HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT CONCEDE  
CHINESE CLAIMS. TIMES OF INDIA CAPTION SAID "HANOI DISPUTES  
PEKING CLAIM TO PARACELS".

3. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CALLED THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO RELEASE A

WHITE BOOK ON US AND GVN VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENTS. THE CHARGE  
COMMENTED ON THE PARACELS ONLY WHEN QUERIED BY REPORTERS.  
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